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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV PROTESTS OVER AUSTRIAN CENSUS

REF: VIENNA 8297

1. TANJUB AND LOCAL PRESS REPORTED SEPT 25 THAT GOY MADE "SHARP" DEMARCHE TO AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR REGARDING "SPECIAL" CENSUS OF SLOVENIAN MINORITY IN CARINTHIA. DEMARCHE STATED THAT AUSTRIAN STATE TREATY IS BINDING REGARDLESS OF SIZE OF SLOVENIAN AND CROATIAN MINORITIES IN THREE AUSTRIAN PROVINCES. IT ADDED THAT GOA DECISION TO HOLD CENSUS TO DETERMINE SIZE OF MINORITIES WILL NOT CONTRIBUTE TO BUILDING OF CONFIDENCE BETWEEN YUGOSLAV AND AUSTRIAN PEOPLES NOR TO DEVELOPMENT OF BILATERAL RELATIONS.

2. IN BRIEFING FOR EMBOFF, AUSTRIAN COUNSELOR BOGNER STATED PRESS ACCOUNTS OF SUBSTANCE OF DEMARCHE WERE ACCURATE. HE SAID THAT PRESENTATION OF DEMARCHE WAS ORAL AND NOT REALLY SHARP IN TONE, HOWEVER. HE ADDED THAT ALTHOUGH EMBASSY HAD NOT YET RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM VIENNA, HE EXPECTED GOA WOULD MAKE LOW-KEY RESPONSE TO DEMARCHE, STATING THAT IT INTENDS TO LIVE UP TO ITS INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS, WISHES TO CREATE TRANQUIL RELATIONS  
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BETWEEN VARIOUS AUSTRIAN NATIONAL GROUPS, AND POINT OUT

THAT YUGOSLAV DEMARCHE WAS BASED ON INCOMPLETE INFORMATION,  
E.G., THAT CENSUS WILL POLL ALL MINORITIES, NOT JUST  
SLOVENES.

3. BOGNER BELIEVES YUGOSLAV DEMARCHE IS PRO FORMA BELGRADE  
DEMONSTRATION OF SOLIDARITY WITH SLOVENIAN GOVERNMENT IN  
LJUBLJANA. PRESS SEPT 26 AND 27 ALSO REPORTED SOLIDARITY  
DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST TREATMENT OF AUSTRIAN SLOVENES IN  
VARIOUS PARTS OF COUNTRY. TANJUG CARRIES REPORT SEPT 28  
THAT MITJA RIBICIC, PRESIDENT OF SLOVENIAN SOCIALIST  
ALLIANCE RECEIVED DELEGATIONS OF TWO CARINTHIAN SLOVENIAN  
PARTIES SEPT 27, "WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF REGULAR CONTACTS  
AND CONSULTATIONS". HE SAID THAT YUGOSLAVIA WILL NOT  
HESITATE TO USE ITS INFLUENCE TO CONTRIBUTE TO SOLVING  
"CARINTHIAN QUESTION". HE ALSO SAID YUGOSLAVS WANT GOOD  
AND FRUITFUL RELATIONS WITH AUSTRIA, THOUGH NOT AT PRICE  
OF MINORITIES.

4. BOGNER CHARACTERIZED YUGOSLAV-AUSTRIAN BILATERAL  
RELATIONS AS NORMAL IN OTHER RESPECTS, NOTING MEETING OF  
FOREIGN MINISTERS IN NEW YORK. TANJUG DIPLOMATIC EDITOR  
BUDIMIR IN SEPT 28 ITEM ON FONMIN MINIC'S MEETINGS AT  
UN, PUT POSITIVE SLANT ON REPORT OF MEETING WITH BIELKA  
BUT UNDERSTOOD MINIC EXPRESSED HOPE GOA WOULD RESIST  
CHAUVINIST FORCES IN FULFILLING ITS INTERNATIONAL  
OBLIGATIONS. ASSUME TANJUG ITEMS AVAILABLE TO DEPT AND  
VIENNA IN ENTIRETY.  
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